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REFUSAL TO PAY CITY TAXES.
At the meeting of the City Council on the 14th inst., it was announced by the City Assessor that Mr. D. B. Ring had refused to pay his license as a Barrister at Law. We confess that we are somewhat surprised to find the Acting Attorney General adopting such a course; we must take it for granted that the refusal to pay is based on the illegality of the tax itself, or on the mode of levying it. If Mr. Ring conceives that the Corporation have no power to levy such a tax, surely it would be better for him to advise the city authorities of his opinion on the subject, and to endeavour to help them out of the difficulty under which they labour; were it to be decided by the Supreme Court that the tax cannot be levied, then by a refusal to pay, to throw the Corporation into litigation which may put them to considerable expense. Acting in the high legal position that he so ably fills, Mr. Ring must be well aware that such a step as he has taken will influence many others to do likewise; if the Acting Attorney General refuses to pay his license tax why should any one else pay it?

We do not intend to pronounce an opinion one way or another upon the legality of the tax; but we do think that it is the duty of every good citizen to support the Corporation in their endeavours to improve the town, and we must all be aware that the necessary improvements cannot be carried on without money, and the necessary funds cannot be raised without taxes. Now the Corporation either have the power to levy the taxes, or they have not; if they have not, in the name of all that is useful, let an act be passed through the House of Assembly with all convenient speed, giving them the power, and defining what their power of taxation is, and what it is to be; if they have the power, and have exercised it improperly, then let the Acting Attorney General state his reasons for refusing to pay his license. The question ought to be set at rest, and it is to be hoped it will not be necessary for the Corporation to expend the public money in litigation. It cannot be denied that many improvements have been effected by the City Council in the past year; we do not endorse all their acts with our approval, but we certainly think that the payment of taxes ought not to be grudged, unless it can be shown that the public money has been wasted or misapplied.

Union of the Colonies.

Editor BRITISH COLONIST.—Sir:—Now or never is the time to discuss the subject of the union of the two colonies, and to act upon it with promptitude; but I fear that the usual lethargy which haunts over the town, when not engaged in the immediate prospect of money making, will allow the Imperial Government to carry into effect the separation of the colonies—a step which the Duke of Newcastle is evidently unwilling and reluctant to adopt, but which must take place in the absence of any voice being raised against it in the colony itself. I do not say that union is without any doubt desirable; I wish merely to see the matter discussed, and the reasons for and against it, as they really are, and not as they are presented in the object No. 4 mentioned in my last letter.

In discussing a large question like this local prejudices and petty jealousies should be allowed to place, but if the interests of the two colonies are diametrically opposed to each other, the objection holds good, and no union can take place. It is, however, my belief that those interests are dependent in a great degree the one on the other, for either colony can offer advantages which the other cannot possess. Victoria presents her free port and harbor at Esquimaux as the most convenient port and harbor on this coast. British Columbia, on the other hand, displays her gold mines, and a ready market for all produce. In Victoria wealthy merchants have established themselves, and to them British and other exporters readily send their goods; to New Westminster vessels from whatever cause, do not find it inconvenient to proceed. British Columbia possesses undeveloped agricultural resources to which Vancouver Island does not lay claim, although she hopes to be able to support at least her own population. How then can it be said that the interests of the two colonies are opposed to each other? Their elements are different, but not inimical. In any general assembly, as I have said before, the representatives of each colony would carry weight in proportion to their numbers, and that number would, or ought to be, in some ratio, either to the population or the importance of the Colony. No sensible person can complain of this result.

5. As to objection No. 5, I will only say that if the natural position and capabilities of Victoria have marked it out for a great commercial city, no political considerations can alter her destiny. If, on the contrary, New Westminster offers greater commercial advantages she will undoubtedly take the lead; but no mere presence of a resident governor and staff of officials can put her into a position which nature has never intended she should occupy. If a union were to take place I should be willing to see the abolition of the free port system, for I have sufficient confidence in the future to believe that such a step would not have the slightest effect in the amount of imports, nor would it deter the entrance of a single vessel.

I have not space in this letter to speak of the advantages which would accrue to this Colony by a union; but to one result would particularly draw attention, viz: that by a separation a sectional and local policy must be the one adopted; by a union the policy would be established on broad and national grounds. A sole governor would be enabled to carry out a uniform policy which would benefit not only one Colony, but the other also, and would not be influenced by any party feeling or narrow jealousy, but by taking a large and comprehensive view of things would be the best enabled to lay the foundations of prosperity on a sure basis. On the other hand, the Governor of British Columbia, unless he prove a man of large intellect and broad views and possessed, moreover, of singular determination, will, in all probability, be induced to regard policy from a narrow point of view, and be inclined to look solely to the benefit of locality.

In conclusion, I would ask, if we are to be blessed with a separate Government, where are we to find a Governor of ability willing to accept the small salary which this Colony can afford to pay? I am, &c.,

Barque "Philippine"

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AITKEN & CO'S FALKIRK ALE—In hhd and bbls.

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accounts to inform their customers that all

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TO-MORROW,

FRIDAY, Sept. 11,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

J. A. MCCREA

WILL SELL

AT HIS SALESROOM,

WHARF STREET,

OTTO CARL IN BANKRUPTCY.

By Order of the Official Assignee,

1 Horse and Cart,

8 Boxes Candles.

—ALSO—

ON A LIBERAL CREDIT,

Ex "Sheet Anchor,"

50 Cases J. H. & Co's Lard, in 10-lb. tins,

10 Kegs Dried Apples,

20 Firkins Choice Isthmus Butter,

20 " " " "

5 Cases New Cal. Cheese,

40 Boxes Colgate's Starch,

20 Gunnies Salt, in 5-lb. bags,

10 Bales Straw Paper, 12 Reams each.

—ALSO—

For Account of whom it may Concern,

Damaged on Voyage of Importation,

EX "PHILIPPINE,"

C & Co. No. 3—1 Case contains:

2 Lounges, 7 Chairs, 2 Easy Chairs, 2

Carpets,

C & Co. No. 8—One Crate Chairs,

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A VARIETY OF OTHER GOODS.

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J. P. DAVIES & CO.

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At Auction,

AT THEIR SALESROOM, WHARF STREET,

Friday, Sept. 18th,

At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

35 bbls Crushed Sugar;

15 Kegs Split Peas;

3 Cases California Hams;

9 Firkins Butter;

6 Cases Bacon Shoulders;

— " Tobacco;

6 bbls Prunes;

60 Sacks Beans;

2 Cases Cheese;

50 Boxes Starch;

12 bbls S. I. Sugar;

10 Cases Lard;

15 Kegs Dried Apples.

—ALSO—

A LOT OF GOODS

On Account of English Underwriters.

ENGLISH TOBACCO.

—AND—

Virginia Shag

—AND—

Bristol Bird's Eye,

In Hermetically Sealed Tins,

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NO. 5 FORT STREET,

Fresh and Choice Apples, from \$150

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Plums and Pears of the best kinds.

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Ship "Dusty Miller,"

FROM LIVERPOOL.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN

nor the undersigned, Consignees of the

above vessel, will be responsible for any

debts contracted by the crew, without

their written order.

At 11 o'clock, on the 19th inst., the 10th

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